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REMARKS

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1. Wachbereitschaft A is quartered in permanent buildings and about 24 semi-permanent buildings on Rudower Chaussee in Berlin-Adlershof. The guard unit is subordinate to the East German Ministry of the Interior and consists of a headquarters, an engineer platoon, a supply section, a musical band, a motor vehicle repair shop, a motor transport company, a fire fighting detail and 4 battalions. The 1st Bn consists of 1 company which includes traffic control personnel and another company of dog handler personnel. The 2d through 4th Bns consisted of 4 guard companies each. On 15 November, Wachbereitschaft A had a total strength of about 60 officers, 200 NCOs and 1,240 IM.

2. Officers assigned to the guard unit included:

Colonel Engelbrecht CO; CO;

Lieutenant Colonel Bart PK officer;

Major Stangel chief of staff.

The unit was equipped with light machine guns, model 98 K carbines, model 100 submachine guns and pistols of various types. Motor vehicles available to the motor transport company included: 84 model H-3-A trucks, 6 model H-5 trucks, 2 BMW delivery trucks, 5 model Framo 1-ton trucks, 2 Iowa buses with trailers, 2 Phaenomen buses, 1 HeA bus, 10 BMW sedans, 22 model F-9 sedans, 2 model F-9 command cars, 40 BMW motorcycles with a piston displacement of 350 cubic cm. The motor vehicle equipment of the other elements of the guard unit was unknown.

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3. Besides the Wachbereitschaft stationed in Berlin-Adlershof, Wachbereitschaften of the East German Ministry of the Interior were located in Potsdam, Halle, Dresden, Erfurt, Schwerin and Chemnitz.

Comment. The existence of a Wachbereitschaft in Chemnitz is reported for the first time.

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